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ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1860.

CONGRESS .- In the Senate yesterday, a greater portion of the time was occupied in the discussion of the joint resolution for a recess of Congress from the 20th of April for one month, which was rejected by a vote of 12 yeas, to 29 nays. A number of private they were able to show the extent of these claims were considered. In the House of Representatives, a bill was reported providing for the settlement of the claims of the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army, with the widows and children of those who died in the service. A French Spoliation bill was reported, also, a bill for the admission of Kansas. A message was received from the President, protesting against the action of the House in regard to the appointment of a committee to enquire into alleged abuses on his part, and on the part of other officials. In Committee of the Whole, Mr. Montgom ery made a speech in favor of Mr. Douglas for President.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE,-In the Senate, on Wednesday, a number of bills were passed, among them, bills incorporating the Rappahannock and West Point Railroad Company: incorporating the Alexandria, Washington, Georgetown and Baltimore Navigation Company; authorizing the sale of free negroes into slavery, under certain circumstances; and for the better organization of the militia of the State. A resolution for helding night sessions for the remainder of the session was adopted. In the House of Delegates, a communication was received from the Governor in regard to the expense of guarding Stevens and Hazlett till the day of their execution, from 1st of January inclusive, which was \$7,320.43. Senate amendments to House bill, appropriating \$30,000 to pay balance of indebtedness on account of the Harper's Ferry affair, were concurred in. The Senate amendments increased the amount of the bill \$1,000. A long debate sprung up on the resolution, sometime since offered, relative to a settlement with Selden, Withers & Co., late agents of the State. No satisfactory solution of the affair was arrived at.

Persons very often pass for Democrats, "Republicans," "dear friends of the dear people," and make loud-mouth professions of their dislike to everything that even looks like "aristocracy," when, in truth, they are in heart and grain the veriest aristocrats in the land. A lady writer in the New York Tribune, gives an account of a dinner she lately attended, at the residence of a Northern Senator, in Washington-a Senator who is particularly distinguished for his ability, as well as for his being the champion of "labor" as opposed to "capital," and of the workingmen and laboring men of the country. The public have certainly nothing to do, as a matter of taste, or right, or personal interest, with the mode of entertainment adopted by public men, except in so far as it may show the hollowness of their pretensions, and that their public professions do not correspond with their practice or their course. This lady writer tells us of "waiters in white gloves; turtle soup; seventeen courses and seventeen changes of plates; five wine-glasses of different size, color, and form, for five kinds of wine; carving done by the head cook in a separate apartment, and the meats served in silver dishes; a table laid with perfect taste, and a grand finale of confectionary, conserves, pyramids of iced fruits, oranges, French kisses, etc.-the whole concluding with coffee and liquors of various kinds." The Baltimore American, with well pointed irony, declines to ask whether such dinners are intended as a practical commentary upon a late speech, in which the rights of labor as opposed to capital were so powerfully and so feelingly upheld. Nor will it descend to arithmetic, to calculate how many starving shoemakers the cost of one of these dinners would feed, and keep well-fed, for a month. But it does ask-"If the Apostle of Labor, the Friend of the Poor Man, lives in this style, what inconceivable splendor must surround the dinner table of the Representatives of the "Capital States?" If Seward's dinner consists of seventeen courses, must not Jeff Davis' number at least seventeen

The Richmond Dispatch, speaking of the out him. taxes in Virginia, says that the merchants have "nothing worse to fear than the continuation of the heavy impositions to which they are already subjected-the paying of five dollars to one paid by capital in agricultural pursuits-but they are ready at present to acquiesce in them, rather than bear burthens that would be disastrous to their business. They yet hope that the day is not distant when their fellow-citizens will acknowledge the odious and unjust character of the discrimination which subjects them to taxation under the guise of licensing their pursuits, out of all proportion to that imposed upon other people, and relieve them both from the odium of the form, and the sachusetts. excessive amount of the burthens imposed | Leonard Scott & Co., New York, have re upon them. In no way could Virginia better advance her commercial interests, and increase her sources of revenue."

The New York papers contain full accounts of the burning of the tenement houses in 45th street, on Wednesday morning, (mentioned in our telegraphic despatches, published in yesterday's Gazette,) resulting in ten persons being burned to death. They were asleep in the upper stories when the fire broke out, and could not make their escape through the flames in the lower part of the houses.

The Baltimore Exchange, referring to the exposures just made, of the abuses and cor- "To show the very age and body of the TIMES." ruptions connected with the matter of the Public Printing says, "that it is an exaggeration to call the facts thus furnished us, "startling revelations," for in reality they are only corroborative of what was already generally known. Whenever Congress has elected a public printer, who had never in his life had the remotest connection with a printer's office, it was, of course, understood that the business of the Government was less considered than the claims of the successful candidate. It was evident to everybody that the public money was being spent, either to reward politicians for their past labors, or to enable them in the future to advance the interests of their respective parties. No one is surprised, therefore, to learn that there has been the grossest extravagance, mismanagement, and we may also add corruption, in this branch of the public service. But such information as the people were possessed of on this subject, was too meagre and too vague to permit them to deal intelligently with the evils of whose existence they were so well aware. Until abuses, and to place the responsibility for them on the proper shoulders, they could do nothing save deplore in general terms the wasteful misapplication of the public funds by the Government. Now that the rumors apon which the country has so often specuated, have resolved themselves into one definite and tangible form, it is to be hoped that public opinion will manifest itself so promptly and decidedly, that those in authority will be compelled to adopt speedy measures to prevent the recurrence of such malversations as have now been laid bare."

Letters from Washington say that "the Committee on Territories in the Senate directed its Chairman at the last meeting, to prepare bills for Nevada, Pike's Peak, Dacotah, and Arizona, in the ordinary from .-No condition in regard to slavery was proposed, but may be before they are presented to the Senate. The House Committee have this subject still under consideration, and will probably adopt the general boundaries for the new Territories proposed by the Senate, excluding Arizona. They intend, however, to assert the principle distinctly in some form, that slavery does not and cannot exist in these Territories unless established by law, thus controverting the assumption contained in the dictum of the Supreme Court, that it the slavery question.

The question of annexation to Sardinia, or "a separate kingdom," has been submitted to the people in several Italian States and cities, the result exhibiting, thus far, a remarkable unanimity in favor of a union with Sardinia, under the constitutional rule of Victor Emanuel. The voting took place on the 11th and 12th inst. Immense numpers of people assembled in all the towns. and much enthusiasm and confidence was evinced. Admirable order was maintained. The towns heard from are Leghorn, Florence, Bologna, and Parma.

The bill to increase the pay of Naval Officers, which has passed the Senate, is substantially like the bill first presented by Mr. Mallory. The leading feature of the measure, is to increase the service pay of that class of officers upon whom the burden of duty falls. The pay of the higher grades is not materially increased. Midshipmen at the Naval Academy are to receive four hundred and fifty dollars yearly, five hundred dollars for other service, and five hundred and fifty dollars when at sea.

Letters from Albany, N. Y., state that Mr. John Jay has appeared before the State Supreme Court, and argued that no decision could be given in the Lemon (Virginia) slave case, inasmuch as the slaves were in Canada, and beyond the jurisdiction of the court; and further, because the former owner of the negroes had been paid for them, and had no further claim on their services. This action on the part of Mr. Jay caused much speculation, but it was doubtful whether his argument could be considered.

It is said that the friends of Gen. Joseph Lane, while they admit that he has no real strength in the Charleston Convention, entertain a hope that the contestants will have to fall back upon him. He is said to be the particular friend of the President.

A correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle of this morning indicates that Hon. Howell Cobb would be a suitable candidate for nomination by the Baltimore Opposition Convention in the event of Mr. Douglas being nominated for the Presidency by the Charleston

Mr. F. P. Stanton, of Kansas, we believe, has been speech-making in Connecticut, on the invitation of the black-republicans; but, instead of giving them the expected dish of Kansas shricking, it seems that he entered upon a bold defence of slavery.

The Navy Department is in receipt of dispatches from Capt. Jarvis, of the Savannah, and Com. Turner, of the Saratoga, giving official details of the capture of the Mexican war steamers by the American squadron.

The Supreme Court of Indiana has deci ded that when an accused person voluntarily absents himself from his trial, he waives his personal right, and the trial can go on with-

The French gardeners say that the application of charcoal to flowers, brightens their colors. The earth in the flower-pots is covered with pulverized charcoal, half an inch

Gov. Banks, of Mass., has again retoed a bill passed by the Massachusetts Legislature, allowing the enrollment of negroes in the militia of the State.

The Boston Daily Advertiser thinks that the "strikes" among the shoemakers in Massachusetts are coming to an end.

The cattle distemper is spreading in Mas-

published the March number of Blackwood's Magazine. It contains articles on Lord Elgin's mission to China; Volunteer movements; the Anglo-Gallican Budget, &c. It has the conclusion of the Luck of Ladysmede, another part of Norman Sinclair; St. Stephens, a poem; and other interesting papers. Robert Bell, Agent for the reprints of the British periodicals, will supply sub-

We have received the April number of the American Farmer, containing much valuable information for agriculturalists.

scribers, and others.

News of the Day.

The committee of Ways and Means have reduced the estimate of the Secretary of the Treasury for the support of the government the entire amount of the general appropriation bills is \$45,110,000, which, added to the sums authorized by the former acts, make \$53,314,000 for the service of the year ending with June, 1861.

The special committee of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker to in- of \$600. quire what negotiation or legislation is necessary to promote the tobacco trade with foreign countries, consists of Messrs Hughes, Tompkins, Bristow, Thomas, Ferry, Leake, and Leach of North Carolina.

The officers of the Smithsonian Institute tion, to defray the expense of hiring a small east point of Labrador, to make an observa- held positions in the faculty. tion of the solar eclipse of the 18th of July The duration of the eclipse at that point will be 12m. 50s. The party give their time and services without compensation.

The resolutions adopted at the New Jersey Democratic Convention, favor the suppression of the slave trade, re-endorse the Cincinnati platform, and consent to no unauthorized interpolation; advocate a tariff town, Alexandria, Richmond, or any point by a wise discrimination in favor of home outside of Virginia, will be mailed at Leesmanufactures; recommend Wm. C. Alexander for the Vice Presidency, and declare that Mr. Buchanan's administration has been statesmanlike and conservative.

Rev. Dr. Huntington, late of Harvard University, has entered the Episcopal Church. He received the rite of confirmation from Bishop Eastburn, of Massachusetts, at Christ Church, Cambridge, last Sunday. A congregation has already been formed in Boston, and upwards of thirty thousand dollars subscribed towards a new church, of which Dr. Huntington has been invited to become

Mr. John Robb, a member of the Pittsburg common council, has resigned for the reason that he has been unable to induce a majority of his fellow members to vote in favor of levying a tax to pay the debt of the city .- from one of Hon. C. J. Faulkner's daughters. He says he supports the Dred Scott decision of the United States Supreme Court; that he feels equally bound to respect the decision of the State Supreme Court which ordered the tax to be levied.

The "sloop murders" continue to furnish is carried there by the Constitution." Thus the staple of general conversation in New we are to have more food for excitement on York. But a new horror turns up in the incendiary. discovery, early on Wednesday morning, of the dead body of man, with marks of violence upon it, floating off the Battery. On being hauled ashore it was recogized as that of D. L. Morse, a German jeweller. Strange stories are affoat concerning him. He left named Duke, and the whole contents of a home about four weeks ago in company with shot-gun were deposited in his thigh, which another man's wife, etc.

> The Baltimore "Exchange" states that, under the title of an act to incorporate an Inebriate Asylum in Baltimore, the Legislature of Maryland has given power to the courts, on petition, (of anybody, according to our information,) to take the same custody of the persons and property of inebriates as if they were lunatics, and appoint commissioners, &c.

> The single rate of letter postage, between the United States and the Grand Dukedom of Baden, by the Hamburg mail, has been reduced from 22 to 15 cents, prepayment optional, so that in future the same rate of 15 cents will be chargeable upon letters to or from Baden, whether conveyed via Bremen or via Hamburg.

> The Leonardtown Beacon savs:--"On Thursday evening last, Mrs. Sally Wilkinson, the wife of John Wilkinson, of Patuxent District, while attending to some domestic duties in her kitchen, is supposed to have been taken with a fit, and her clothes catching fire, her face and breast were badly burned. When discovered she was dead.

The bill establishing a Telegraph line to the Pacific, important alike to the commercial interests of the country and to its interests in a military and political point of view -affording, as it will, such additional facilities for rapid communication with our Pacific coast-passed the Senate on Monday.

The President and Directors of the Gas Light Company of Baltimore have given no- fencing, etc. tice that they propose on the first October next to reduce the price of gas from \$2.70 to \$2.50 nett. They affirm that their gas is equal to any, their metres are unimpeachable, their bills are just.

The Governor of Minnesota having refused to commute the sentence of death passed up- | der, wagons, plows, straw, &c. Mr. R.'s on Mrs. Anna Bilansky, for poisoning her husband, she was hung on Friday last, at St. Paul. This execution was the first death | burg Virginian, is shortly to take charge of | The difficulties in the problem were to find a penalty inflicted upon a white person in Minnesota.

George county, Md., Circuit Court will begin | in any community in which he may cast his on Monday next, the 2d of April. The lot. Trial Docket, is 317; Appearance 190; Recognizance 43; Appeals 25. There is very little criminal business brought to this term

The ladies of Centerville, Illinois, who made a descent on a liquor shop some time ago, have been mulcted in \$150 for damages. In consideration of the fun they had, these fine, which is not at all too high.

We are glad to see that newspapers of both political parties in Mississippi take deeided ground in favor of paying the bonds of the State, issued many years ago in favor of the Planter's Bank.

Last Saturday afternoon, a lad named Doytrusted by his employers with \$1,050, to be denosited in the Market Bank, since which time he has not been heard from.

The Philadelphia Bulletin remarks that elopements come in heavily the present seacrop too large for storage in columns of av-

river in February last as an alleged slaver, Brown and Tyler. A mutiny occurred on the passage, but the mutineers were secured. Real estate in St. Louis is said to have

been little affected by disorders of commerce, or the ery of stringency in money matters. No sales transpired the past winter at lower broadside of the Saratoga noticeable on the rates than those of the previous year.

Austria is really carrying out some of the emancipation of the Jews.

Saturday. Loss \$20,000, insured \$14,000. and he was the only American in her crew. A negro girl has been arrested in Charleston, suspected of having robbed the post of ed with his blood, within a few feat of where | mh 28

that Mr. Bates's slayes ran away from him, on board."

The Chicago Times says that a large wholesale house in Chicago lately sent an Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. agent into Missouri to look into the circumstances of one of their debtors in that State. The agent went, and shortly reported that the debter had nothing of value except a for the next fiscal year, \$1,139,000, so that couple of negro children. His employers were Republicans-every man in their house levy on the negro children, and hold them for the debt. This was done, but without effect, for the distressed debtor could not

At a late meeting of the Trustees of Princeleft open for future consideration. Rev. guard, with a number of other bills. are endeavoring to obtain \$3,000 by subscrip- Henry C. Alexander, upon whom the choice has fallen, is the fourth of that name who day, passed the bill incorporating the Balti- been usual in all cases of a call of the House vessel and equip her, to convey a party of has been connected with the Institution- more, Alexandria, Washington and George- to lock the door. Mr. Baker inquired if the astronomers to Cape Childlay, the north- his grandfather, father and uncle having town Steam Packet Company.

> The Yellow Springs Agricultural Works, in Yellow Springs, Green county, Ohio, were entirely destroyed by fire on the night of the

Virginia News.

Hereafter, until further notice, all letters designed for either Washington city, Georgeburg daily, except Sundays, and forwarded via Point Rocks.

On the 23d instant a fire at Piedmont, Va. consumed the carpenter stop of Jarboe & Sons; the double tenement house of Mr. Neff, and a small office at the weigh-scales of the railroad company. Loss not heavy .-The Piedmont Independent states that on | the same night the steam tannery of Silas Reese, on New Creek, was consumed, involving a loss of about \$12,000.

The bill granting a charter for a railroad from Martinsburg to the Potomac river, has passed both branches of the Legislature .-The State takes no stock in this road.

giving an account of their voyage to Europe.

The bridge on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, crossing Roanoke river, near Sa- by crossing the plaza. At night a portion of were weak and few, they had the sympa-Monday night, thereby causing a detention | blers) armed themselves and marched through | tained. The merchants had already carfire is supposed to have been the work of an chanced to meet. During the night some now for the clerks to send up their petition,

A successful surgical operation was performed in Clarke County, a few days since, by Dr. Wm. Hav, of White Post. D. Turner was shot some four weeks since by a man rendered amputation of the limb necessary to save life. Dr. Hav, assisted by Dr. Randolph, took the leg off close to the body, and the patient is rapidly recovering. The Norfolk paners contain feel;

has been announced. He twice represented folk, by Mr. Fillmore, and since that time Petersburg Railroad, and representative of that city in the State Legislature. Dr. Rufus Killenger, of Marion, Smyth

county, Va., committed suicide on last Saturday night, by shooting himself with a pistol. The deed was committed at a hotel Marion. The muzzle of the pistol was placed against his forehead, blowing his orains about the room. He was aged only 22

The trial of Robert Overstreet, for killing ed at Amherst Court House last Saturday, resulting in the accused being fined \$150, and in default of the payment of which he native city at the approaching Convention. was remanded to jail.

A negro cartman, in Lynchburg, had one horse, on Saturday last.

of Lynchburg, has been on fire since last Sunday, doing considerable damage to the

A small house, on the farm of David J. Strickler, esq., Page county, was consumed by fire on Thursday last. The barn, stable and cornhouse of Mr. John Rodeffer, of the same county, were also consumed, with 10 hogs, two cows, a quantity of hay, corn, fedloss was \$1,000 or \$1,200.

Wm. M. Semple, esq., editor of the Lynchthe New Orleans Crescent. Mr. Semple is light that produced no caloric - a light which a writer of the first order of ability, and The regular Spring Term of the Prince cannot fail to make a favorable impression sions, and which produced a white flame.

Virginia Policy. In our present relations with the Northwish of the people of Virginia to supply, as speedily as possible, from other sources, the multitude of wants, for which they have heretofore been dependent upon Northern "ladies" will no doubt cheerfully pay the Commerce and Northern manufactures,-Yet this consummation, "most devoutly to the body. be wished," will scarcely be reached by remedies which have the general effect to weaken us still more in that very depart ment in which we now feel our weakness the most. We may diminish our wants and | Brandy"; live economically; we may encourage home er, in the employ of a Boston firm, was en- plies to our pockets; we may offer a premi um for the productions of foreign countries; and thus, eventually, convince Northern fanaticism, by bitter experience, of the penalty of returning evil for good. All this may be done without injury to ourselves, or disturbing the general interests of our trade son. The seissors are rewarded with a daily So we may, by a liberal and uniform course of policy, increase the inducements for investment in commercial enterprises at home; named ingredients, are deadly Poisons. The brig Virginian, seized in the Congo and as capital flows in, and intelligence and energy are applied in this vocation, we daily add to our own resources, and subtract from cough and loosening the throat when stophas arrived at Norfolk, in charge of Lieuts. that dependence which is the strength of ped with phleghm, we have found nothing our foes .- Rich. Enquirer.

THE CAPTURED STEAMER .- The New Orleans Delta, in speaking of the Marques de Habana, captured at Vera Cruz, says:

"There was but one single mark of the tered her bulwarks about 'midships', on the reforms which Francis Joseph promised last starboard, and passed through the larboard year. Such, for instance, as the partial side making a round, clear hole, as if it had been cut with a circular saw. In its passage, The New York Herald says that for thirty | this ball carried off both legs of an unfortuyears the ship building interest has not nate American who, in an evil hour, doubtless under the pressure of some desperate been so depressed as it is at the present time. stress of fortune, had enlisted in Marin's en-A. G. West's sewing machine manufacto- terprise. It is remarkable that he was the ry was burned at Windsor Locks, Conn., on only person on the Marques who was killed, office. He bled to death lying on his bunk, which with his blankets, is still to be seen, saturat- Boquet de Caroline, received and for sale by he received his death wound. The name of The St. Louis "Evening News" denies this unfortunate man was not known to any

Letter from Richmond.

RICHMOND, March 28 .- The bill amending the Code (the Alexandria Harbor Masters bill,) has passed both Houses and is a to deliver up Coppie to the Governor of Vir-

The bill incorporating the Culpeper In- and is thus described by a correspondent of was a Republican-yet they wrote back to surance Company; the Senate bill amending the charter of the city of Alexandria, raise the funds. The Republican firm then ment providing that the vote to be taken by led to serious times. wrote to have the children sold to pay a debt the people shall be on the 1st Tuesday of June, whether they desire the election of the officersor return it to the City Council; amend- keeper. He rose to a point of order, deing the charter of the town of Danville; a claring that the constitution required the ton College, a nephew of the late lamented bill allowing a pension of \$96, per annum doors of the two Houses to be open during Dr. Alexander was elected to the position of to Mrs. Burley, widow of Burley killed at their sessions, unless secrecy was deemed Adjunct Professor of Rhetoric and Logic .- Harper's Ferry, during her widowhood; a desirable by either House; that there was no The principal chair in that department was bill increasing the efficiency of the public rule giving any power to the Speaker of the

"A LOOKER ON."

Democratic District Convention. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

Warrenton, March 29. - The Convention has not yet assembled, but the preliminary arrangements are in progress, and both the friends of Gov. Wise and of Senator Hunter sides of the House to their feet, so as to be 24th inst., asking for a report of expenses are busy at work to secure a proper expression of the sentiment of the friends of their

The following gentlemen compose the Alex-Jas. Fossett, David Funsten, R. M. Smith, John A. Milburn, C. E. Stuart, C. F. Suttle, Violett, and M. Maddux-17 in all.

This will give each delegate about forty locked. votes of the county representation.

THE MESSILLA RIOT .- A letter to the St. Louis Republican, dated Messilla, Arizona signal for a general row." Territory, March 10th, gives an account of serious disturbances in that quarter between suited in a general melee, pistol shuts were thus reported in the Express: the greatest indignation was manifested, and paid a tax of twenty dollars to the State.-

met with a serious accident about 10 o'clock the Whigs of that district in Congress. In | the tender, was forced upon it and over-1850 he was appointed Navy Agent, at Nor- turned. The mail and baggage car was has been President of the Norfolk and ing car shared the same fate. The express property of value in it. The contents confeeble health, with a wife and children to were destroyed. The only thing saved was messenger after a great deal of exertion. The fire communicated to the baggage car, which was also destroyed, but all the baggage was rescued safely.

THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION TO CAMP bry.-We have been favored with the follow-

"The California and Oregon Delegations propose to 'camp out' in frontier style during of his ears bitten off close to his head, by a lown tents for that purpose. We shall remarquees and from twenty-two to twenty-five small tents, as there will be about forty in attendance from the Pacific slope-all good men and true, and dwellers beyond the Sierra Nevada."

We are pleased to learn that an active and energetic citizen has secured for the purpose above named, the vacant lot on the easterly side of Meeting street, near South Bay.

Scientific men have been employed for some time in seeking an artificial light for the exmight be condensed in tubes of small dimensians, have arrived at these results. They | will be sent free to any one applying for the same employ empty tubes of Giessler, which do l tain a vast quantity of light in a space so already been used with advantage in the examination of disease in all the cavities of | And for sale by

THE POISONS WE DRINK .- We give the result of the analysis of two pipes of brandy -one pale, and one dark, obtained in New

spirits by volume, and 41 per cent by weight; ulphuric acid, nitric acid (!) nitric ether, Prussic acid (!) Guinea peper, and an abundance of fusil oil (!) Base common whiskey -not one drop of wine.

The second sample (pale) exhibited proeisely the same poisonous ingredients, but in greater abundance, and with the addition of cathue. Three at least, of the above- 1860.

no injurious effect. The mixture may be prepared and kept in a vial ready for use ______ PIVER AND OTHER LOTS FOR SALE.______ prepared and kept in a vial ready for use .--Ed. American Agriculturist.

six acres. Location very healthy. Apply at this L UBIN'S EXTRACT MAGNOLIA, Violet, New Mown May, West End, Jockey Club, and

J. WILLIAM BOWLING. DINAND SAVON SUC DE LARTUE, just received and for sale by

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A Point of Order.

A disorderly scene recently occurred in the Iowa House of Representatives, during the discussion of the resulutions asking of Governor Kirkwood his reasons for refusing ginia. It originated in a "point of order," the Dubuque Herald:

"At one time the door was ordered to be locked, so as to prevent egress on the part of passed the House to-night, with an amend- the members, and it was this that well night

"Governor Baker wished to leave the hall. but was denied the privilege by the Door-House, or any officer of the House, to lock The Senate is in session to-night, and to-the doors. The Speaker decided that it had Speaker decided that he could not go in and out at that door when he pleased? 'I deeided that it has been customary to lock the doors pending a call of the House; but upon what particular rule I am unable to say at this moment.' To this Mr. Baker replied: I am going out of that door if I must break it down,' at the same time advancing toward it, which brought several members of both ready for action, which readiness was plainly visible in the countenance of all.

"The Governor laid hold of the Doorkeeper and was about to remove him in a very nuceremonious manner, when several parties andria delegation now here: G. W. Brent, interfered, to whose remonstrance the Governor finally yielded, and, returning to his place, again called the attention of the Spea-R. S. Douglass, I. Louis Kinzer, G. D. Wise, ker and the House to the outrage of locking S. King Shay, Robt, Taylor, J. L. Sangster, the door, when the Speaker finally decid-Ewd, Sangster, Benjamin H. Berry, R. E. ed that, in the absence of a rule or resolution of the House, the door could not be

"The door was then opened, and the troubled elements became tranquillized. It was Board of Public Works to adjust and settle, well that the Speaker so decided, for a decision in the negative would have been the

THE CLERKS' TAX .- A meeting of clerks The last Martinsburg Republican contains the American and Mexican residents. It was held in Petersburg, Va., Saturday evena very interesting and well-written letter seems that a difficulty originated between an ing, to remonstrate against the tax on their American gambler and a Mexican, which re-salaries. The remarks of one speaker are

fired and knives drawn. Only one person | He assured the clerks that their cause was killed, and that a woman who was quiet- was just, and that though as a body they lem, was partially consumed by fire on the American population (principally gam- thies of the merchants, and would be susof the train, some eight or ten hours. The the streets, killing whatever Mexicans they ried the day against one oppression, it was five Mexicans were killed, their only offence backed by the arguments that could not be seemingly, was to have been unfortunate arrayed within it, and protesting against enough to be Mexicans. Over three hun-inrther injustice and for equal rights. A dred Mexicans promptly flew to arms, and clerk, he said receiving a salary of \$1,000, in time reached such a pitch that aid was He has no property, is worth nothing in the invoked from Lieut. Howard, commanding world besides, and consequently he pays Fort Fillmore, which he supplied and order this tax without receiving any personal or civil benefit from it whatever, having noth-CARS DESTROYED BY FIRE.—The mail train son he is perfectly able to protect that himgoing East upon the Pennsylvania railroad, self. He does not ask a less tax upon himself than that imposed upon his fellow-man. cense tax of \$5, and after the first year, paratively, about one-fifth of what the salarevery \$100 of value only 40 cents is paid—four dollars on every \$1,000. Then let us

through the year. He is taxed by the State \$20, and by the city ten or fifteen more .-A man with strong arms and healthy body with his arms and not his head, receives the eatherer. He is the mechanic. Is there a mechanic who will not say that this discrimination in his favor against his fellowman is not just? Is there one who has the heart to say that the clerk should be taxed

TO PLANTERS AND GARDENERS.

I of POUDRETTE, made by the Lodi Manuhis article is in the twentieth year of its intro uction into this country, and has outlived fertili zers of every other description, for the following

1st. It is made from the night soil of the City of New York, by the L. M. Co., who have a capital s at risk, should they make a bad article. 2d. For corn and vegetables it is the cheapest neatest, and handlest manure in the world, it can and ripens vegetation two weeks carlier, prevent the cur worm, doubles the crop, and is without dis agreeable ador. Three dollars worth, or two bar

and over 6 bbls, \$1.50 per barrel, delivered free cartage to vessel or railroad in New York city. certificates from farmers all over the United States, GRIFFING, BROTHERS & CO. 80, Courtlandt street, New York New York, feb 13-w2m

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS! SEPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME. MASGRACTURED BY MITCHELL & CROASDALE, PHILADELPHIA:

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VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

In the Senate, on Wednesday, bills were passed incorporating the Alexandria, Washngton and Baltimore Navigation Company to incorporate the Rappahannock and West Point Railroad Company; to amend the see ond section of the actentitled "an actio incor porate the Raccoon Ford Turnpike Company; authorizing the sale of free negroes into slavery, who are sentenced to receive certain punishments and imprisonment; author zing the payment of a certain sum of money to Raphael M. Conn, late sheriff of the county of Shenandoah; for the better organi

zation of the militia of the Commonwealth The following Senate bills were advanced to their third reading, and, on motion, laid on the table. A bill so amending the 20th see tion of the 88th chapter of the Code of Vir. ginia, as more fully to define the duties and rights of inspectors of flour, a bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act providin additional protection for the slave proper ty of citizens of this Commonwealth; a bill concerning free negroes in the counties of Accomac, Northampton, Westmoreland, Richmond, Lancaster and Northumberland,

In the House of Delegates, a bill was passed incorporating the Mount Hope Chapel Company, in Fauquier county.

The Speaker laid before the House an Executive communication, sent in response to a resolution adopted by the House on the attending the guarding of Stevens and Hay. lett till the time of execution. The aggregate expenses thus incurred since Jan. 1st. 1860, is stated at \$7,320,43.

The bill exempting the Covington and Ohio Railroad from the provisions of an act to provide for the redemption of the out standing drafts of the Board of Public Works on the internal improvement fund, having been rejected, the vote was reconsidered, or motion of Mr. Yerby. The bill was then laid on the table.

Mr. Barbour, from the Committee of Fin ance called up a resolution to authorize the on a certain basis, the balance due to the State from the late firm of Selden, Withers & Co. This resolution occasioned much remark and debate. It was finally passed by the following vote -- Ayes 56, navs 48, Much doubt seemed to exist in the minds of some of the members of the House as to whether this resolution required the consti tional majority. The Speaker asked that some member would take an appeal from his decision that the House might decide the question. The appeal was accordingly taken. The decision of the chair was overruled and the resolutions rejected-aves 22, noes

The House concurred in Senate amendment to the bill making an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to pay the ascertained balance of State liability accruing from the Harper's Ferry affair. The Senate amendment increased the sum to \$31,000, and directed who and how certain parties should

Banks, &c., was before the House, when the hour of 3 having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7 o'clock at night.

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The Boston correspondent of the Spring field Republican relates two curious occ went, about midnight, to a neighboring and he said he had been directed by the spir it of George Washington to marry her, and had come for that purpose. The young man was taken care of, and has been sent to an

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